IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GOPALAKRISHNA TAMADA

Writ Petition No.12673 of 1996

Dated: 13-08-2007

Between:

Sri Veera Obulamma Seva Samstha,
Reg.No.145/96, Bukkacherla village,
Rapthad Mandal, Anantapur District,
rep. by its President Sri K. Veera Reddy,
s/o Venkataramana Reddy,
r/o Bukkacherla village.

... Petitioner

and

1. The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
   rep. by its Secretary,
   Revenue Department,
   Secretariat,
   Hyderabad and 4 others.

... Respondents

ORDER:

Petitioner, Sri Veera Obulamma Seva Samstha, represented by its President states that it was registered on 23-02-1996 to look after the interests of the local deity called Veera Obulamma and to protect the environment of the forest called "Veera Obulamma Katta"

measuring an extent of Acs.300-00. It is stated that petitioner Samstha has been playing active role for the last more than ten years and the villagers of Bukkacherla and surrounding ten villages have unanimously approved the establishment of the said Samstha. As respondents are trying to alienate the land in question by granting pattas, which is causing great damage to the environment of the area, petitioner filed the present writ petition.

2. Despite the fact that the notices are served on respondents, they have not chosen to file any counter affidavit.

3. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

4. Apparently, petitioner Seva Samstha submitted two representations on 29-02-1996 and 12-06-1996 and as no orders have been passed petitioner approached this Court and filed the present writ petition.

This Court directed respondents not to assign the land admeasuring Acs.300-00 called Veeraobulamma katta, vide orders dated 03-07-1996 passed in W.P.M.P.No.15448 of 1996. As it is stated that the said representations are not considered, petitioner is hereby directed to submit another representation to the respondents raising an objection as to why the land in question shall not be assigned to others without preserving the same as reserve forest. On such representation being made, respondents particularly, respondent Nos.3 and 4 are directed to consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

JUSTICE GOPALAKRISHNA TAMADA

Dt.13-08-2007
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